

# REVIEW OF CONFERENCE HELD IN NORFOLK BY MAGNATES

## RIGHT FANS HAVE 10-YEAR'S SPORT

Unheard of Scraps Get in the Lime-light and Win Honors

## FRIES-JOHNSON MASCO RANKLES

Holds Heavyweight and Lightweight Championships, Fries Licked Before He Entered Ring—Langford Entitled to Credit. Bantams Dispute.

Champions, 1910—Heavyweight, Jack Johnson; middleweight, Jimmy Fries; welterweight, Harry Masco; bantamweight, Alvin Karpis; featherweight, Alvin Karpis; flyweight, Alvin Karpis; light flyweight, Alvin Karpis; super flyweight, Alvin Karpis; super bantamweight, Alvin Karpis; super featherweight, Alvin Karpis; super welterweight, Alvin Karpis; super middleweight, Alvin Karpis; super heavyweight, Alvin Karpis.

## QUINN MAKES GREAT RECORD

On Newport Alleys He Makes Average of 211 for Ten Games.

A bowling record which will probably stand for many days was made during the past week by Captain Quinn, of the Emeralds, members of the Richmond Bowling Association, when in a match game against Blair, of the Plumbers, he made an average of 211 for a series of ten games. The game was played on the Newport Alleys, and attracted a large crowd. It has been a long time since any such record has been obtained by any of the local pin splitters, and it will be many a day in the opinion of experts, before it will be eclipsed. In fact, there is no one who can remember a better average for the number of games played. There have been times when in a series of three or five games some of the bowlers have topped Quinn's performance, but never in a ten-game affair. Blair and Quinn have arranged for another contest this week. Blair wants revenge. The games will be played on an off-night, for the regularly scheduled games of the association will be played on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights. Incidentally, it might be well to add that interest in these tournament games is increasing all the time, and the little league of the waxes alleys and the smell of the wood.

The Times-Dispatch and the Meat Packers are scheduled to get together tomorrow night. While some of the men on these two teams have been away enjoying Christmas week most of them have been out every day practicing and feel that they are in such condition as means victory.

Altogether, the holiday week has been a lively one on the alleys. Every night during the last week some spectacular performances have been witnessed. It is a peculiar thing that the men who do best when playing singles fall down absolutely when put in a tournament game, typifying the adage that a frightened man cannot do his best. A strong factor in winning games has been the crowd of roosters on hand. They are no respecters of persons, and roost or cheer as the sport moves.

Following will be found the scores of the games between Blair and Quinn, together with the highest scores made during a single week, and the special five-man team match held Friday night:

Two-Man Match.	
Quinn	200 170 207 212 198 243 245 205 242 219
Blair	185 169 167 221 159 193 194 207 209
Total, 2,111.	
Highest Scores During Week.	
Sheridan	256
Cosby	246
Blair	245
Whitman	226
Midget	225
Blair	223
Jones	222
McCarthy	220
Five-Man Special.	
Spilling (Capt.)	145 174 165 180
Midget	146 179 198 154
Williams	147 142 162 161
Martin	125 134 111 229
Jennings	170 827 823 2,429
Whitman (Capt.)	153 226 165 554
Gallagher	150 159 128 447
Blair	146 155 157 471
Sheridan	172 192 163 527
Jennings	204 146 120 470
Total, 823 836 733 2,494	

## A FEW BASEBALL CELEBRITIES IN 1910



## NORFOLK WILLING TO ABIDE BY DECISION OF MAJORITY

Statement to This Effect Made Before Agreement Was Reached.

BY GUS MARETT.

Now that it is all over, let's sit down for a few minutes and try and figure out just where "we are at." One thing is absolutely certain. A meeting was held in Norfolk and that meeting was attended by representatives of the holders of a Norfolk franchise in the Virginia State League and also by President Williams, of the league, and by Owner Bradley, of the Richmond Club. Up to this point there can be no possible difference of opinion.

But after you leave the essential facts, or rather the facts about which all must agree, there are as many paths open for those who want to strike out alone and unaided and adopt their own views as there are sands on the seashore.

Right now and here let it be said emphatically that President Williams will demand a guarantee from the men who want to bring into the league the cities of Portsmouth and Newport News. He will demand that they send to him before he calls a meeting of the league for the purpose of discussing and deciding upon the advisability of increasing the circuit to eight clubs, either a bond for \$25,000, or substantial assurance from at least five business men of each town, to the effect that they will stand responsible for such a sum of money in the event that the town admitted falls down before the season ends.

Afraid of False Alarms.

The position occupied by the president of the league is simply that he does not feel called upon to do anything until the men who are asking him to do things show that they are prepared to prove their desire to keep faith with the Virginia League. He told me personally that he would not call a meeting of the league until he had secured such assurance.

All talk to the effect that an agreement could have been reached much earlier had the president withdrawn his objections to an eight-club league is not fact. He did object to an eight-club league. So did Consolvo and Chesire and Cornum, who represent the Norfolk interests. But every body present soon realized that the other demands were so out of reason that an eight-club league was the only common ground on which even a tacit agreement could be reached. It was for this reason that Owner Bradley and President Williams withdrew their

objections and were willing to listen to the proposition, provided the good faith of the new towns was evidenced by a cash deposit or its equivalent.

Of course, it is not essential that each of the cities in the league put actually in cash \$25,000 before a meeting is called. But it is absolutely essential that each of the clubs seeking franchise rights show that the men behind the scheme are of such calibre as to make the stipulated sum recoverable should anything happen. The meeting will be called on January 10, with the provisions already mentioned.

New Values Created.

It must be remembered that when the new towns come into the league they will be given an asset ready-made of from \$3,500 to \$25,000, depending upon the size and money-making ability of the town. The higher sum is named because it is stated on reliable authority that Owner Bradley refused that amount for the Richmond franchise.

What was the most important phase of the meeting has not been brought out by any of the writers up to the present time. After the several conferences had resulted in nothing accomplished, and after Norfolk contended for the absurd increase in guarantee, it looked as if the meet-

## MARDI GRAS MEET MAY BREAK RECORD

Track Will Be Fast and Speed Boys Will Do Spectacular Stunts.

Motorists alive to the doings of their world are predicting a new set of mile-track records for the Mardi Gras Speed Carnival, which will be held in New Orleans, February 25-27. Homer C. George, manager of the New Orleans Automobile Club, is arranging for electrical timing at the meet and is enthusiastic over the chances for new marks from one mile to fifty miles, with a new record for one hour.

The present one-mile record for dirt circular tracks is 45.92, made by Ralph De Palma, at Syracuse, September 17. At the same time De Palma lowered the records up to and including five miles. He also lowered the ten mile record a week later at North Pa. The records from ten to fifty miles are held by Oldfield, being made at Milwaukee, and Dallas, Tex.

Since scoring these records with the Cyclone, De Palma has signed with the Simplex Company and will drive the track car in which Robertson defeated him and his Cyclone last season. A new and more powerful engine has been put in this car and De Palma has wired the New Orleans management to get the track ready for record work. At the same time the Flat Company is not idle. J. R. Hollander, of that organization, has wired that the Cyclone is faster than ever, and he is anxious to start it with Briggs or Parker at the wheel, Briggs being favored.

But even two cars will not fight out the championship alone. Robert Burnham, of the Buick Company, has decided to enter the struggle for records with the Buick Dragon, which he drove at St. Paul in less than fifty seconds. Burnham is experimenting with this car now and is positive it will soon be doing better than the present world's record.

In order to give each of these great drivers every opportunity to set new world's records the New Orleans Fairgrounds track will be scraped to the hunked hot loun, which is as hard as asphalt. It will be thoroughly oiled to prevent dust, which will be done to make it the world's greatest track. At the first Mardi Gras meet ten world's records were broken. This year it seems sure that the stars who will compete will do even better than that.

## UMPIRES CHOSEN FOR COMING YEAR

Williams Goes Far Away to Secure Good Material.

## CHIEF OF STAFF WILL BE NAMED

Many Changes in Conduct of Virginia League Affairs Will Be Made by New Chief Executive—Magnates Must Sign Affidavit as to Salary List.

The question of umpires is now occupying the attention of President C. R. Williams, of the Virginia League. For weeks and weeks, in fact, ever since he was chosen as the head of the league at the meeting held here last fall he has been endeavoring to get together a bunch of indicator handlers who would give tone to the league, and at the same time be men of such calibre as to make them respected.

When he attended the meeting of the National Association of Professional Ball Clubs in Chicago last month he got in touch with some of the men he was after. Later, when he went to New York to attend the meeting of the National League, he still had in mind the question of umpires. He has about decided upon his staff, and from reports he has decided well.

Eckman Looks Good.

First, he has about completed arrangements whereby he will have on his staff E. A. Eckman, of Chicago. Eckman is thirty-five years old. He is big and strong, fearless, and has years' experience behind the bat. A strong thing in his favor is that he has never been released. He has always finished in the league in which he started.

John T. Connolly, a cousin of the famous Connolly, of the American League staff, and who is so highly regarded by President Johnson, of that organization, is another man who will probably be in the Virginia League next season. His recommendation is of a brotherhood in the sporting goods department of Marshall Field's, and his home is also in Chicago.

Riley Recommends Nugent.

Ed. Nugent, friend of Doc Riley, student at the University of Virginia in the law department, and umpire in the big league, is another man who is one of the best men he knows and will be able to make good in any league. Then there is a man named Henry, who lives in Philadelphia, and a fellow called Daly, also of the City of Brotherly Love, and Henderson, who did such good work in the Carolina Association last year. These are all being considered by President Williams. He is weighing the reports he has about these men and will land the best. If there is to be an eight-club league he will need one more man than he has at present, and in this will cause him little trouble, in view of the vast fund of material he has on hand.

Harry Mace, who was with us last year, but who will not be back next season, also made application, but his application will not receive favorable action from Williams. Mace is a good man and will probably be back in the league some time later, but he got started wrong last year and it is thought that a trip away from Virginia will help considerably. Therefore, he will be let go.

May Have Chief of Staff.

President Williams has outlined a plan for his umpire staff which should meet with the approval of the fans. He will appoint one man as his chief of staff. With this man he will be always in touch. When the teams are playing in the Eastern part of the State, his chief umpire will visit all of the cities in which games are being played and will work in the games he witnesses. But he will be in no way more than one day. He will simply travel around, keep in touch with the umpires, find out what they are doing and how they stand with the fans and the ball players, and report back to the president.

Under such a plan Williams will always be in close touch with the men over whom he has absolute control, and from whom so much is expected. His idea in going so far away for his chief umpire was that by doing so he would gather each one who was new to this section of the country and could not possibly be charged with partisanship.

Salary Limit Will Be Enforced.

Another matter which will receive attention from Williams when the time is ripe, is an affidavit which will be sent in by each of the clubs in the league. This affidavit must be signed and returned to the president of the league. One affidavit must be sent on the first of each month, and the other on the 15th, the dates on which the players are paid off. The affidavit will be fringed, and will declare that the

## TIME APPROACHES FOR SETTLEMENT

Faculty Committee at University Will Meet This Week to Consider V. P. I. Game.

Just because nothing has been said for a day or two concerning the game of football which will probably be played next fall between the University of Virginia and V. P. I., it must not be taken for granted that nothing is being done.

The question is being given much consideration by the people who can do the most to bring about the contest. At the university and at Blacksburg the students are talking seriously of the proposition. Sentiment is almost unanimous for the game. Even members of the faculty, who have frowned down such a suggestion on several occasions are now looking more favorably toward a renewal of athletic relations between the two schools.

Where before the interest was mild, when any could be found, it is now rapidly approaching the fever heat. All at Charlottesville and at V. P. I. is a discussion of what the game will mean for the two institutions. Plans are already being made for the men at school to come on to Richmond for the contest. Of course, all of these plans are purely tentative and will be dependent upon the final action of the faculty committee on athletics at the university.

Just as soon as this meeting is held, which will probably be during the present week, and presuming that the action taken will be favorable, the athletic committee of the two schools will get in correspondence for the purpose of agreeing upon a date and upon conditions for the game. As both colleges usually have a large number

(Continued on Third Page.)

## SOME OF THE CHAMPIONS IN SPORTLAND DURING 1910

